

**June 2024:**

If you are interested in bird song but have not heard about the app called Merlin it's worth a try.

([merlin.allaboutbirds.org](https://merlin.allaboutbirds.org))

Nightingales and nightjars, chiffchaff, willow warbler, blackbird and robin, there is plenty going on And each habitat offers a different mix. Amazing to have this on our doorsteps.

Meanwhile, those of you who visit the bird hide may have noticed the very red infestation of azolla in the ditch, an invasive, non-native species that trustees have been researching and monitoring for some time. Fronds grow rapidly and block out light as well as reducing available oxygen.

Natural England has agreed for it to be treated with a natural biocontrol, weevils, and the season commences at the end of May.

We are working with CABI ([cabi.org](https://cabi.org)) which researches, breeds and distributes the weevils.

Cliff Field has been cut and the brambles reduced as this permanent semi improved grassland needs to be managed in an attempt to recover populations of summer marsh orchid and a target sward height of 15cm in August. It will be cut again in September and scrub control increased.